

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 31-38, and 42 are currently pending, with claims 1 and 32 being the independent claims. Based on the following Remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 32, 36 and 42.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-8, 31, 33-35 and 37-38 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,978,836. The Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. The Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for


any reason, that further personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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